

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

September 20, 2023

Introduced by Sen. WALCZYK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to the crime of criminal impersonation in the first degree

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 190.26 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 2 of  
2 the laws of 1998 and subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 434 of the laws  
3 of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

4 § 190.26 Criminal impersonation in the first degree.

5 A person is guilty of criminal impersonation in the first degree when  
6 he:

7 1. (a) Pretends to be a police officer or a federal law enforcement  
8 officer as enumerated in section 2.15 of the criminal procedure law, or  
9 wears or displays without authority, any uniform, badge or other insignia  
10 or facsimile thereof, by which such police officer or federal law  
11 enforcement officer is lawfully distinguished or expresses by his or her  
12 words or actions that he or she is acting with the approval or authority  
13 of any police department or acting as a federal law enforcement officer  
14 with the approval of any agency that employs federal law enforcement  
15 officers as enumerated in section 2.15 of the criminal procedure law;  
16 and

17 [~~2-~~] (b) So acts with intent to induce another to submit to such  
18 pretended official authority or otherwise to act in reliance upon said  
19 pretense and in the course of such pretense commits or attempts to  
20 commit a felony; or

21 2. (a) Pretends to be a member of a board of elections or an election  
22 officer, as such terms are defined by section 1-104 of the election law,  
23 or an employee thereof; and

24 (b) So acts with intent to cause another to act in reliance upon such  
25 pretense; or

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1     3. Pretending to be a duly licensed physician or other person author-  
2 ized to issue a prescription for any drug or any instrument or device  
3 used in the taking or administering of drugs for which a prescription is  
4 required by law, communicates to a pharmacist an oral prescription which  
5 is required to be reduced to writing pursuant to section thirty-three  
6 hundred thirty-two of the public health law.

7     Criminal impersonation in the first degree is a class E felony.

8     § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-  
9 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.